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OUR POSTAGE STAMPS OF 1869.

BY STREBOR.

The United States postage stamps of 1869—who among all the collectors of our adhesive stamps, whether young or old, has ever failed of becoming specially interested in this peculiar issue, and to that extent that ever afterwards, any allusion to them, however casual, will at once attract his attention? I think that all American Philatelists, and even those who, once collectors, have become indifferent to the pursuit, will confess to the strong and lasting hold which this issue has taken upon their notice. No other series of our stamps, whether of earlier or later emission, has seemed to possess this marked individuality—this power of inspiring a permanent interest, which is so striking a characteristic, of the series of 1869. It may be said to stand in a peculiar relation—at a distinct angle—to all the others, as of a set by itself, having but few points of resemblance to the issues that preceded or followed it.

The previous set of '61 had its separate historical significance, as it has been sometimes designated the "battle-born," having had its origin from the circumstance of the civil war, the conditions of which rendered

the preceding set non-receivable for postage; but the issue of 1869 had no such imperative summons into existence. The post-office department doubtless saw good reasons for a change, whether deeming its predecessors as wanting in an artistic point of view, (and in fact it was among the least attractive of our issues), or from whatever considerations, suffice it to say, that on the 19th of March, 1869, the new and singular set of adhesives made its appearance, attracting the interest and curiosity of the public, and especially of the few who had already begun to take an active part in the growing pursuits of philately. Many of us can still remember the curiosity with which the new stamps were greeted, so strange were they in shape, size and appearance generally. And many and various were the comments made on them, some in the way of approval, and others in detraction and fault-finding. As a rule, their diminished size was not considered an improvement, the clumsy fingered public finding the same difficulty in handling them evidently, that it did in respect to the silver 3 cent pieces, or the gold dollars. The majority of European countries, however, have been content with stamps no

larger than these, willing perhaps to lick over no larger a surface of paper or gum than necessary. Judging from the size generally of our postage stamps, Americans do not appear to be grudging in this regard. I think, however, that whatever may have been the contemporary opinion concerning the 1869 stamps, the idea has since become general—from which few will now be found to dissent—that this set was by odds the handsomest and most artistic of all the philatelic emissions of the U. S.

I stated in the commencement of this article, that the 1869 issue was in many respects a peculiar one. Its singularity in regard to size has been alluded to; but in passing I might make mention of the variation or inequality in the size of the individual stamps of the set. Though seldom alluded to, this is nevertheless a rather marked peculiarity of this family of stamps. The higher values, from the 15 ct. up, are from one to three mms. larger in their engraved dimensions than the lower denominations, and likewise as perforated. I believe they have always been catalogued however as identical in size.

A striking peculiarity of the set is, that here, only, has the unvarying policy of the department been diverged from presenting portraits alone as to the design on the stamps. Here only do we find a relief from the monotonous reproductions of likenesses of public men, that characterize all our other adhesives, although the features of Washington & Franklin greet us here as usual, yet other and different designs are given, conveying food for study, and making these stamps a vehicle for the imparting of information. The primitive mode of carrying mails by the post-boy on horse-back, pictured on the 2 ct. stamp, is contrasted with the later methods of the railroad train and the steamboat; and we are reminded of the lightning express and the

ocean greyhounds of today. The two gems of beautiful and minute engraving, representing the landing of Columbus and the declaration of independence, on the 15 and 24 ct. values, are unique and unequalled specimens in their line. The "Surrender of Burgoine," which was engraved and intended for the 30 ct. stamp, and unfortunately, withdrawn at the last moment from a too complaisant fear of wounding the sensibilities of our British cousins, would probably have been an equally interesting specimen of the same order of philately, and doubtless an improvement over the remodeled eagle and shield of the 10 ct. denomination, which was hastily made to pass muster in its place.

Another feature also of these stamps is unique among all our adhesives, and this is the duality of colors employed in the printing of the higher values—the 15, 24, 30 and 90 ct. stamps. A slight addition of cost and labor was of course involved in the manner of coloring, but richly compensated for in the result, in the beauty and variety thus obtained. This compounding of colors has not been an uncommon practice in other countries, the result being the production of some of the most brilliant and charming philatelic specimens that grace our albums. But no one will claim for the U. S. stamps generally, a place among the beautiful national issues of the world, any more than the like would be claimed for our coinage. And if by good fortune we chance to produce a really artistic issue, it may be counted on to be short lived and quickly retired—as witness the series of 1869. The use of two colors produced handsome results in the 15 and 24 ct. stamps, the 30 ct. was all that might have been expected under the circumstances of its production, and in the 90 ct. the two colors worked well together for the production of the framed portrait. The necessity of the double impression in

the printing of these bichromatic stamps gave rise to the well-known and highly prized errors, the "inverted medallions," the rare specimens of which are so eagerly sought for, and command such high prices from advanced collectors. The occurrence of such errors unintentionally seems almost inexplicable in careful work; but as a matter of fact, they occurred in the printing of nearly or fully every dual colored stamp, postal or fiscal, issued by the government, and they appear to have a peculiar fascination for philatelic collectors, owing of course, to their rarity.

In the way of criticism on the design of the '69 issue, it might be said that on some of them there was an attempt to introduce too much ornamentation, or too many features in the design, thus giving a crowded and confused appearance to the stamp. And perhaps one reason for the want of appreciation shown by the public for this whole issue, was the fact that the most commonly used value, the 3 ct. stamp, was particularly liable to this objection: it lacked the clear, definite presentation of the object of design standing out distinctly, and thus attracting attention. The stamp at first glance has a confused and indistinct look. The same criticism might be made on two or three other members of this family, notably the 2 ct. stamp. But this is a very minor drawback, as regards the issue at large, with its many beauties.

But the fact remains, that practically, the 1869 issue of stamps, with all its merits, was treated as a failure. After but little over a year's existence—just fourteen months, to speak precisely—it was retired, and a new set, in most respects similar to the older issues, took its place. The actual reasons for this policy of the department has never been fully known and perhaps never will be, not that it is now a matter of any particular moment. It does not appear that a greater

degree of criticism or fault finding by the public was passed on it than has greeted any of the other issues, nor one-half as much as we have heard expressed on the "sickly green" 2 cent of the 1888 issue, which has since passed into desuetude. But in the 1869 set a series of stamps of great and increasing interest was bequeathed to the lovers of philately, most of the values of which, from its short term of life, are comparatively rare, and a steady rise in the value of the set has followed, and will probably continue.

THE FIRST ORIENTAL COLLECTOR.

The first oriental collector of stamps was a young native beauty in one of the Oceanic isles. A naval officer was one day amazed by her entrance into his tent, stuck all over from top to toe with the stamps which she had purloined from his desk. There was a merry ring of complacent laughter from the dusky Oriana as she exhibited her collection; there was a howl of wrath from the officer, and Oriana ran. Great was the chase, in which sailors and natives joined. It lasted for miles down hill, and along the sandy shore, under nodding palm trees. Horror of horrors! She is about to take to the surf which comes thundering in thirty feet high—no, she takes to the inland! Ha! she wearies—from the other side up pops, amid the ferns, a tattooed chief with shell earrings—he grins and heads her off, waving his arms high in the air—she is conquered—*cave!*—she caves! They lay her down, kicking and screeching over a log: they peel off the precious stamps one by one, and as she is tolerably warm with the run, they come off easily, and Oriana is unlazed to learn that they cost forty pounds, and are worth a drove of hogs—and three girls like herself. I say three at a guess, not knowing the current rates of the Oceanic market—From Mason's Coin and Stamp Collector's Journal, Dec. 1868,

Editorial.

This month we present No. 2 of THE DETROIT PHILATELIST and trust it will be of sufficient merit to receive your support. Our columns are open to you, and any communications of interest will be published. We shall be pleased to receive any articles and items of interest to our readers, at all times.

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NOTICE.—After June 1st our subscription price will be 25 cents per annum. We consider 15 cents much too little, as it does not pay the cost of printing the paper. Subscribe now you will not regret it.

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We have heard from several of our readers in regard to the formation of

a Dealers Mutual Protection Association, and all are in favor of it. Something must be done to stop the fraudulent practices, which seem to be on the increase all the time.

Dealers! Let us hear from you on this subject. It is an important one for you. Our columns are open to you.

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The idea of combining all the National societies into one large society, is meeting with favor, which it merits. One great National society containing the members of all the National societies and associations, combining the best features of each, could accomplish much greater good, and be of much more benefit to the members, at a lesser proportionate cost.

Such a society, with dues, within reach of all, could easily run its membership roll up to two thousand in a short time. We trust to see such a consolidation in the near future. Why not have each national society appoint a committee of, say, three members, and these separate committees work together as a committee of the whole, to draw up plans, etc., for such an arrangement. Let us hear from our readers.

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We feel very much encouraged at the success of our paper. Subscriptions have been, and are still coming in every day. If you are not a subscriber become one now. The aid you render us, will go to improve the paper.

Notes.

The stamps of Dominica, St. Lucia, and the other islands comprising the Leeward Islands, are rapidly advancing in price. It would be advisable to complete those countries as soon as possible.

The Wisconsin collectors are organizing a State society. All collectors in that State are invited to join. Address W. F. Schad, Secretary *pro tem*, 150 Reed St., Milwaukee, Wis., for particulars.

The American Collector which was announced to appear from Rochester, Ind., has consolidated with the *Hoosier Stamp*, with Harold Van Trump as publisher, and Chas. E. Babcock, Indianapolis, editor.

The Eagle Philatelist has been made the official organ of the Iowa Philatelic Association. This Association seems to be pushing right to the front.

We learn from Dr. Heath, that the *Coin and Stamp*, published by Dr. J. B. Breeding, San Antonio, Texas, has discontinued publication.

Are you a member of any Philatelic Association? If not, why not join the M. P. A? Dues only 50 cents per year, and you receive this paper free, also good exchange department for members.

Messrs. A. H. Crittenden and Edwin B. Hill, have formed a co-partnership under the name of the Crittenden-Hill Stamp Co., to carry on the business of the former on an enlarged scale. Both are experienced Philatelists of many years' standing. Mr. Crittenden is Secretary of the Michigan Philatelic Association, and President of the Detroit Philatelic Society. Mr. Hill is Secretary of the latter society.

The Sons of Philatelia are forging to the front very rapidly. It now has over 250 members and is likely to have 300 by June 1st, judging by its present rate of increase. It is intended mainly for the younger collectors. Dues are 25 cents per year, with 5 cents initiation fee. Application blanks can be secured from the Secretary, R. M. Miller, New Chester, Pa.

The 6th day of May was the 52d anniversary of the introduction of the postage stamp. How many collectors celebrate the day in a proper manner?

When in Detroit, don't forget to call on us. We shall feel very much slighted not to meet each and every collector visiting Detroit.

A new paper to be called "*The Malden Philatelist*," is announced from Malden, Mass. We wish it the best of success.

The Philatelic Society of Canada now has over 250 members, and is growing rapidly. Canadian collectors who are not already members should become members at once. For particulars, Address L. M. Staebler, Secretary, London, Ontario.

I have the two varieties of the New York 5 cent black on the same letter. They are very scarce in that manner.

A bill has been reported in Congress providing, that all mail matter heretofore included in the third and fourth classes, shall in future be transported as third class matter, postage on which shall be charged at the rate of 1 cent for every 2 ounces or fraction thereof. It is to be hoped that this bill will pass, as it will be of great benefit to people who have occasion to send small packages.

It is very important to us that our readers mention this paper when answering advertisements. Please do not forget this.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

Of all our contemporaries, none is more welcome than *The Philatelic Era*, published by W. W. Jewett, Portland, Me. The April number contained 36 pages, and cover, and was as interesting and entertaining as ever. 35 cents per year.

The Eastern Philatelist, published by F. H. Pinkham, Newmarket, N. H., is always a welcome visitor. The April number consists of 24 pages, and cover, and is filled to the brim, with interesting reading. 25 cents per year.

A. B. Merrill's Fraud List at hand. It is of great benefit to all, and no one should be without it. Price 25 cents.

The Canadian Philatelist, published by L. M. Staebler, London, Ont., is always of interest. It is the official organ of the P. S. of C. The April number consists of 16 pages, and cover, and is well worth the price, 15 cents per year.

The Electric Philatelist, published by A. M. Fine, Scranton, Pa., is a neatly printed 4 page paper, of more merit than many larger ones. 25 cents per year.

The Michigan Philatelist for March is a decided improvement over the earlier issues. A further improvement is announced for the April number, and we are anxiously awaiting it. Published by W. F. Dessotell, Detroit, Mich. at 20 cents a year.

The Hoosier Stamp appears once more from Rochester, Ind., published by Harold Van Trump, with Chas. E. Babcock as editor. The April number contains 12 pages and cover. 25 cents per year.

The American Philatelist for April is as

interesting as usual. It is the official organ of the A. P. A.

The April *Post Office* consists of 32 pages and cover, and contains considerable interesting matter.

We have received catalogues of The Scott Stamp & Coin Co.'s 113th and 114th sales. Both contain some splendid stamps. Have also received a catalogue of Duncan S. Wylie's 3d sale, which takes place May 24th. Some scarce stamps in this lot, also.

The Numismatist, published by Dr. Geo. F. Heath, Monroe, Mich., is the leading paper for coin collectors in this country. Send to Dr. Heath for sample copy, if you have not seen one, and are interested in coin collecting.

The Long Island Philatelist, published by Ashcroft & Ogden, Brooklyn, N. Y., is the best new paper we have seen yet. The April number consists of 20 pages and cover, and is full of lively, interesting articles and notes. 25 cents per year.

The April number of *The Collector* is mainly devoted to the Sons of Philatelia, of which it is the official organ. It is well worth its price, 15 cents per year.

The Philatelic Tribune comes to hand every two weeks, and is always interesting. Published by F. J. Stanton, Smyrna, N. Y., at 30 cents per annum.

The Southern Philatelist for April contains another installment of Gus Luhn's "My Old By-gone Days," and other matter of interest. It is published by the Southern Stamp & Publishing Co., Charleston, S. C., at 25 cents per year.

Mekel's Weekly Stamp News is a paper we would miss very much, if we should not get it, giving, as it does, the latest news every

week. St. Louis, Mo., is its point of origin, and its subscription price is \$1.00 per annum.

The Youth's Effort, published by F. H. Borgman & Co., Detroit, is a neat and interesting paper for young folks, and contains an interesting Philatelic Department. 25 cents per year.

The Postal Card is an interesting monthly for card collectors and no one interested in that branch should be without it. Published by Geo. H. Watson, Elizabeth, N. J., Adolph Lohmeyer, Associate Editor. 25 cents per year.

Besides the above mentioned papers, we have received the following for April: *American Philatelist and Collector*, *Chicago Stamps News*, *The Dominion Philatelist*, *Quaker City Philatelist*, *The Monthly Visitor*, and *L'Union Postale*.

THE MICHIGAN PHILATELIC ASSON.

is officered as follows:

President, Geo. F. Heath, M. D., Monroe.

Vice-President, C. J. VanValkenberg, Manchester.

Secretary, A. H. Crittenden, Detroit.

The offices of Treasurer, Exchange Sup't and Librarian are vacant, and an election is necessary to fill these vacancies.

The following nominations have been made: For Treasurer, C. S. Forbes, Belleville; J. J. Spencer, Saginaw. E. S. For Exchange Sup't, R. S. Appleton, Detroit and J. T. Percival, Port Huron. For Librarian, F. H. Borgman, Detroit; W. M. Randall, Belleville, and F. J. Baldwin, Coral.

The members of this Association are earnestly requested to send in their votes on these officers at once. Polls will be kept open until June 4th. Write the names of the persons you desire to vote for on a slip

of paper, and enclose in a sealed envelope, with "ballot" marked on the outside and send to the Secretary at once. It is hoped that every member will manifest enough interest in the Society to vote on these officers. Do it to-day. Don't put it off till to-morrow, as it is important for the welfare of the Association, that these offices be filled at once, especially that of Exchange Sup't.

I have received a number of requests for application blanks and will probably have several applications to publish in the next number. If you think you can secure any new members, send to me for application blanks. I have plenty of them. To collectors not members of this Association, we extend a hearty invitation to join. The dues are only 50 cents per year, and you receive the benefit of the Exchange Dep't. Library, etc., and this paper free to all members. Application blanks sent upon application.

There are a number of members still in arrears for dues, and I trust they will remit for same, without further notice.

A. H. CRITTENDEN,

May 10th, 1892.

Secretary.

WHY NOT HAVE A COLUMBUS STAMP?

Of all the forty-six American stamp issuing countries, Chili is the only one up to this year that has properly honored Columbus. He appears conspicuous on all their stamps. In 1869 the United States issued a fifteen cent stamp, showing a picture of his landing. Several of this issue were printed in two colors; and it so happened, that in this fifteen cent, the medallion containing the picture got into circulation upside down, which was discovered and is now known as the "inverted medallion." One was sold recently for \$65—Detroit Free Press, April 25, 1892.

THE DETROIT PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

The 13th regular meeting of The Detroit Philatelic Society, was held at its room, No. 4 Hall Block, 163 Griswold St., Monday evening, April 24th. Seven members were present, Messrs. Alex. M. Girardin, John F. Miller, R. E. Smith and Frank Williams, were unanimously elected active members. The dues of active members were reduced from 25 cents to 15 cents per month. It was decided to give an exhibit at the Detroit Exposition this fall, the Association having kindly offered us the necessary space free of expense and the President was requested to appoint a committee to make the necessary arrangements. It is the intention of the Society to make as good an exhibit as possible, and any assistance will be gratefully received. After a social time, the meeting adjourned to Monday evening, May 9th.

The 14th regular meeting was held at its rooms. Seven members and one visitor present. It was decided that the Society take 15 square feet of space at the Detroit Exposition, and to do everything in the power of the society to make the exhibit a success.

The Society's space will be in the Art Building. It is the intention of the Society to make as complete an exhibit as possible and to show all the leading publications, etc., relating to Philately. The next meetings will be held May 23d and June 6th.

All collectors are cordially invited to be present.

EDWIN B. HILL,

Secretary.

Any clippings, notes, news items, etc. of interest to collectors, will be thankfully received and credit given.

The number of post offices in the United States is officially stated to be 64,391, showing an increase of 2,000 over last year at this time.

A novel method of "beating" the post office department has been detected at Los Angeles, Cal. A young man rented a box, taking two keys, one of which he gave to a lady friend, and they exchanged letters through the box. The letters have been held for postage and one key has been taken up.

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Exchange Column.

Free to subscribers. All notices must be for exchange, and limited to 33 words, and must be written on one side of sheet. Postal cards not noticed.

Ten foreign stamp, for every U. S. stamp except 1, 2, and 3, all others wanted in any quantity, including 3c purple. Fred Kimball, 203 College Ave., Spokane, Wash.

One philatelic paper for 25 foreign stamps on original envelope, or 50, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10c adhesives. A. Morissette, Delray, Mich., Box 15.

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For every genuine stamp catalogued at 15c will give 100, 1872, 3c green. 200 for one cat. 30c and 50 on. Hugo Kuenstler, 297, 10th Ave., New York City.

Collectors! Send me stamps from your country and in X receive Am. stamps. Canada and Mexico preferred. P. Dick, Jr., Box 791, St. Peter, Minn.

Wanted—All kinds of United States stamps, except 1 and 2 ct. present issue, for which I will give good exchange. J. F. Miller, 377 Dubois St., Detroit, Mich.

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I wish to exchange philatelic papers, and stamps. I will give an unused 3 ct. vermilion for every copy of Vols. 1, 2, 3 and 4 Philatelic Journal America. Send lists of what you have. F. J. Bescher, City Hall Market, Kansas City, Mo.

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China, 1885, 3 varieties, complete.....	15
*Confederate States, 1861, 5 cent, green.....	25
" 10c. blue, used.....	04
" 10c. light blue.....	10
*Cuba, 1890, 1/2 to 8 m., 6 varieties.....	09
*Guatemala, 1878, 4 varieties, complete.....	24
" 1882, 5 varieties, complete.....	15
Haiti, 1891, 5 varieties, complete.....	17
*Hilgoland, wrappers, 3 var., complete.....	06
*Honduras, 1878, 7 varieties, complete.....	35
" 1890, official, 11 varieties, complete.....	23
*Mexico, Porte DeMar, black, 7 var.....	27
*New Brunswick, 2 cent, orange.....	08
" 5 cent, green.....	05
*Nicaragua, 1890, 1 c to 1 p., 10 var., complete.....	42
*Paraguay, 1884, 3 var., complete.....	14
*Peru, envelopes, 1875, 3 var.....	15
*Salvador, 1890, 1 c to 4 p., 9 var., complete.....	34
*Samoa, 1877-82, 8 var., complete.....	20
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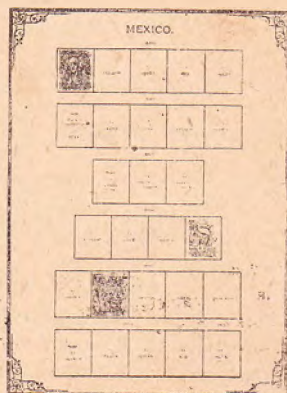
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